

Meeting opened at 8:06am**Members present:**

- Dana Rowe
- Alison Polido
- Doug Doty

Staff present:

- Rich Wallner

Agenda Issues Discussed:

1. Committee chairman reached out to John Robbins (forester) who said he would look into possible consultant options
2. Committee chairman also reached out to Haverhill town for information on their waivers and trail programs- No responses at this time
3. Committee secretary and select-board liaison reviewed information from the MAPC Landline Coalition seminar on 9/29/2021 regarding funding and consulting opportunities for trail projects
 - a. Solomon Foundation
 - i. Contact Allison Burson
 1. AllisonBurson@solomonfoundation.org,
 2. 617-797-6747
 - ii. First choice contact for consultancy purposes, does design and early seed funding/matching
 - b. TIPS – not useful for committee purposes at this time
 - c. MassTrails
 - i. Contact Amanda Lewis
 1. Amanda.lewis@mass.gov
 2. 617-645-8314
 - ii. Requires 20% match for grants, average grant \$50,000-\$300,000
 - iii. Uses a scoring system
 1. Areas for Forest Committee competitiveness include:
 - a. Readiness (after consultant/design done)
 - b. Accessibility
 - c. Youth involvement
 - i. May be able to begin involving scouts or other youth on smaller projects before formal design process completed
 - iv. Application deadline February 1, 2022
4. Reviewed first draft of Forest Committee white paper
 - a. Agreed first step is to do a comprehensive survey of all of the trails in the Swan Pond area

5. Need to check with John Robbins regarding trails on the right (east) side of the road going to Swan Pond
 - a. There is one section of private property in the area whose permission would need to be obtained in order to do comprehensive survey
6. Need to contact DPW for trailhead/parking improvements
 - a. Need to dig out loam and add gravel/fill
7. Minutes from 9/13/2021 meeting unanimously approved

Next Meeting Scheduled: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 8:00am
Location: Town Hall room 14
Notice of Meeting filed: October 5, 2021 by committee secretary

Meeting Adjournment at 8:38am

Respectfully Submitted
Alison Polido, Secretary